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For: SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL
MADE OF HARD METAL AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR SAME

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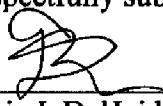
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